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**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Brant family
and the Indiana Oxygen Company.

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Whereas, Eight years after the commercial production of oxygen began in the United States in 1907, the Indiana Oxygen Company became one of the first producers of the gas in central Indiana;

Whereas, Formed in 1915 by Walter and John Brant, the Indiana Oxygen Company remains a family-run operation and is currently guided by Walter L. Brant II;

Whereas, In 2005, the company received the prestigious "Entrepreneur of the Year" award for its entrepreneurial innovations;

Whereas, Through the guidance of the Brant family, the company has become a leader in the welding gas field and manufactures, sells, and distributes industrial gases, laboratory gases, medical gases, and welding supplies;

Whereas, The company is active in Indiana's growing life science initiative as a supplier to Indiana's medical laboratories, manufacturers, and research facilities;

Whereas, In 1911, the year of the first Indianapolis 500 race, Walter and John Brant, owners of the Indianapolis-based Lozier car agency and future company founders, sponsored two cars in the race;

Whereas, One of the cars, driven by Ralph Mulford, was



first runner-up to the Marmon Wasp driven by winner Ray Harroun;

Whereas, After founding the company in 1915, the Brants continued their interest in racing, serving on Otis Porter's technical scoring staff and assisting with timing and pit stop data;

Whereas, The methods and technical procedures of inflating race car tires with Indiana Oxygen compressed air became a subject of particular interest to the racing teams primarily because the use of compressed air decreased pit times;

Whereas, A short time later, as more sophisticated methods of manufacturing became known, Indiana Oxygen began to play a significant role in the development of advanced technologies through its production of nitrogen gas, the first gas substituted for compressed air for inflating tires in the late 1920s by Firestone;

Whereas, Indiana Oxygen, seeking new uses for gas, pioneered the use of nitrogen for refueling under pressure;

Whereas, From 1937 to 1964, when pressurized refueling was eliminated from the race, Indiana Oxygen continued to provide gases and welding services to the race teams;

Whereas, The Indiana Oxygen Company is statewide with a main headquarters, eight branch locations, 40 distributors, and customers in every state; and

Whereas, Indiana Oxygen has been keeping up with changing business techniques; currently 30% of its sales comes from the Internet: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly acknowledges the
- 2 contributions the Brandt family has made to the economic welfare of
- 3 our state.



1 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
2 Secretary of the Senate to Walter L. Brant II, president of the Indiana
3 Oxygen Company.

